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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynn Abraham today announced the filing of a two count indictment¹ charging Gary Jackson with one count of making false statement to a federal firearms dealer (“FFL”) and aiding and abetting on April 28, 2008, and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon between April 28, 2008 and April 30, 2008. The rules and regulations governing FFL holders require that a person seeking to purchase a handgun fill out a “Firearms Transaction Record,” ATF Form 4473. Part of the Form 4473 requires that the prospective purchaser certify truthfully, subject to penalties of perjury, that he or she was the actual buyer of the firearm. The Form 4473 contains language warning that “[t]he federal firearms laws require that the individual filling out this form must be buying the firearm for himself or as a gift. Any individual who is not buying the firearm for himself/herself or as a gift, but who completes this form, violates the law.” A person who purchases a firearm for another person and falsely completes the Form 4473 is a “straw purchaser.” Acting as a straw purchaser is referred to as “lying and buying.”

This indictment is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney’s Office, all District Attorney’s Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Philadelphia Police Department and other law enforcement agencies, to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Gary Jackson	Philadelphia, PA	42 years old

The case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department, the Gun Violence Task Force, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Assistant United States Attorney Marianne Cox will prosecute the case.

¹ An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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